

**AGENDA**

**EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19 2007**

**East Greenwich High School Auditorium**

**300 Avenger Drive**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**ANY ITEMS CONSIDERED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MAY BE  
SUBJECT TO A VOTE**

**6:15p.m. Executive Session, 42-46-5 (a) (1) (2) Contract Renewals for  
Director of Administration, Middle School Principal, and Middle  
School Assistant Principal**

**7:30p.m. Open Session Call to Order**

**The second June meeting of the School Committee was held on June  
19 in the East Greenwich High School Auditorium. Members present:  
Sue Cienki, Chair, Skip Day, Vice-Chair, Merrill Friedemann, Anne  
Palumbo, Susan Records, and JeanAnn Guliano, as well as  
Superintendent Charles Meyers, Assistant Superintendent Helen  
O'Hara, and Director of Facilities, Robert Wilmarth. The meeting  
commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**2. Public Comments**

**Cindy Grady asked the Committee to give serious consideration in  
addressing the bullying policy. She asked that zero tolerance be  
identified, there be a system of recording, specific actions, and  
consistency of policies. It was noted that Federal Law addressing**

**bullying is under consideration.**

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

**On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following minutes.**

**April 3, 2007 regular meeting with amendment**

**May 15, 2007 Regular and Executive Session Meetings**

### **4. Recognitions**

**The following people administrators and teachers were recognized for their service to the school department.**

**4.1 Joseph Militello, Barbara Cullen, Jan Berardino, Cindy Duffy, Betty Krekorian**

**4.2 Regents Commended Schools-Frenchtown, Meadowbrook Farms, Hanaford, Eldredge, Cole Middle**

### **5. New Business**

#### **5.1 Secretary Retirement**

**Mrs. Guliano made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Palumbo to approve the following retirement: The motion passed unanimously.**

**5.1.1 Jan Berardino, Secretary at Meadowbrook Farms School, effective June 30, 2007 after 28 years of service**

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#### **5.2 Teacher Retirements**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Records to approve the following teacher retirements: The motion passed unanimously.**

**5.2.1 Cynthia Duffy, Art Teacher at EGHS, at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, after 28 years of service**

**5.2.2 Elizabeth Krekorian, Family and Consumer Science at Archie Cole Middle School, at the end of the 2006-2007 school year after 38 years of service**

**6. Update from Architect and Project Manager**

**Ed Frenette and Jon Winikur were present to speak about the status of the new building project. Ed stated that he has reviewed the location, class size and the overall design population, and met with 30 faculty members and staff at Cole. It was recommended that the middle school be designed for 620 students but the core facility for 900, which can be done. It was suggested that the kitchen and cafeteria be expanded now, not in the future. Classrooms should be a minimum of 900 sq. ft since 850 is too small. RIDE recommends 950 sq. ft. Jon Winikur stated that now is the time to get the real cost estimates, and let the School Committee decide. Mrs. Friedemann stated that we should build a school that we put an addition on in case we close a school. Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to build a core middle school for 900 sq. ft. and a classroom for 24 students per class. If the school is put closer to where it is now, they shouldn't destroy the existing fields. Mrs. Guliano stated that Mr. Yoder from the Oversight Committee gave this project to his architecture students and this is their recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Second Reading of High School Student Handbook Changes**

**This item was tabled. Mr. Levine stated that a complete review of the handbook will be done next year. Mrs. Cienki stated that some parents think there are inconsistencies in the policies. Mrs. Guliano**

**stated that the full bullying policy has to be in the handbook.**

#### **8. Proposed Revision to Bullying Policy**

**Teacher orientation day will be used to go over the new policy as well as the law. Mrs. Palumbo stated that the policy we have in place mirrors the state policy.**

#### **9. Discussion of Teacher Evaluation Process**

**If there are any changes, Mr. Meyers will bring them back to the table.**

#### **10. Disproportionality of Minority Students Receiving Special Education**

##### **Services**

**Mrs. O'Hara noted that East Greenwich has 14.2% of their minority students in special education, even though the statewide average is 18%. East Greenwich has been singled out as one of seven districts who have been cited for disproportionality. She noted that it appears those students are appropriately labeled. She will continue to target response to intervention which supports professional development activities. Mrs. O'Hara noted that**

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**she will keep the School Committee apprised and she will look at our policies and practices.**

#### **11. E-Policy Manual Review Process**

**Mr. Meyers, Mrs. Palumbo and Mrs. Cienki have been working on the electronic policy manual.**

#### **12. Appointment of Building Committee**

**Mr. Meyers stated that there are new regulations that require us to have a building committee. He noted that there may be Facilities**

**Committee Members who may want to continue. The committee will be comprised of a School Committee member, a Town Council member and a member of the Finance Advisory Committee.**

**13. Wellness Committee Update**

**Mrs. Palumbo and Mrs. Guliano attended a meeting of the Wellness Committee and it was felt that some members were in disagreement with the recommendations given.**

**14. Bid for Bathroom Partitions at Archie Cole Middle School**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Palumbo to approve the bid for bathroom partitions to GS Sales in the amount of \$11,500. The motion passed unanimously.**

**15. Revise School Calendar for 2007-2008**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to change the graduation date in 2008 to June 8. The motion passed unanimously.**

**16. Summer Meeting Schedule**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to change the date of the July School Committee meeting to Wednesday, July 18. The motion passed unanimously.**

**17. School Committee Concerns – There were no concerns.**

**18. On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mrs. Friedemann, the Committee, being polled individually, voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:45p.m. under R.I.G. L. 42-46-5 (a)(1) (2) for an update on Teacher Contract Negotiations.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia Giuliani**  
**Secretary**